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SUBJ: HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS LABELS COMMUNIST PARTY OF PORTUGAL
(PCP) "REVISIONIST"

1. THE HONG KONG PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO HAS TWICE (MARCH 27 AND 29) LABELED THE PARTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY AS "PORTUGUESE REVISIONISTS". BOTH REFERENCES WERE "EDITOR'S NOTES" CARRIED IN PARENTHESIS AND INSERTED IN FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS FROM LISBON. ONE STORY WAS ON THE NEW PROTUGUESE CABINET WHILE THE SECOND CONCERNED A MOSCOW VISIT BY A PORTUGUESE POLITBURO MEMBER. THE LATTER WAS HEADLINED "CHIEFTAIN OF PORTUGUESE REVISIONISTS SECRETLY GOES TO SOVIET CAPITAL TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES".

2. THESE LABELS POINT OUT THE CHINSE CONCERN OVER THE PARTICIPATION OF PRO-SOVIET COMMUNISTS IN THE THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE EFFECT WHICH A STRONG PRO-SOVIET VOICE IN LISBON MIGH HAVE ON CHINESE INTERESTS IN MACAU.

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TA KUNG PAO HAS AN ACTIVE LOCAL ROLE AS PEKING'S "MOUTH-

PIECE", ITS PUBLISHER, FEI I-MIN, WAS RECENTLY NAMED TO
THE PRESIDUM OF THE PRC'S NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.
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